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OXIDE STORAGE CATALYST IS SWITCHED FROM THE STORAGE PHASE TO  
THE REGENERATION PHASE AND FOR DIAGNOSING THE STORAGE  
PROPERTIES OF THIS CATALYST**

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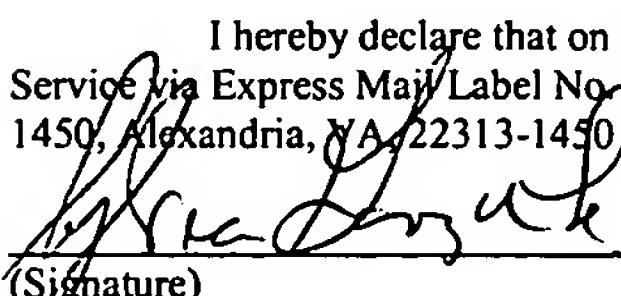
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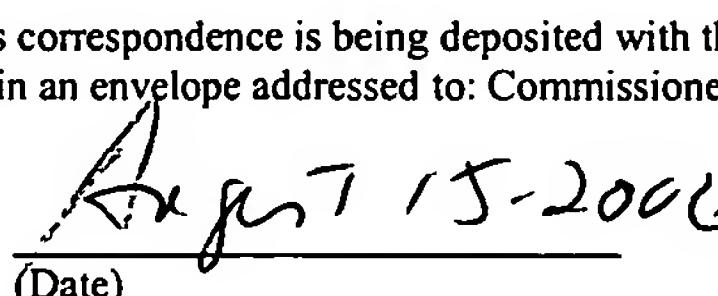
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